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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE SCALBY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1965

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To the Chairman and Members of
the Scalby Urban District Council

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Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year 1965.

Once again there is a small rise in the estimated population. The other main points worthy of note in the vital statistics are first, the fall in the number of deaths brings the death rate for Scalby (9.5) well below the national figure (11.5). Secondly, there were 3 infant deaths - about the average for the last five years. However the infant mortality rate, i.e. the number per 1,000 live births is 28.3, above the national figure (19.0). Such comparisons are of course misleading where the number of births is substantially below 1,000 per annum.

Measles was again the main notifiable disease. In addition there were 7 sporadic cases of scarlet fever and 1 case of pulmonary tuberculosis.

Finally I would thank the Committee for their courtesy and encouragement and the other officials of the Council for their ever-willing co-operation.

I am,
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

W.G. EVANS

M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

The following committee of the Scalby Urban District Council is concerned with matters of public health, viz:-

The Sanitary and Lighting Committee
In addition the Authority has a representative on the Scarborough Area Local Health Sub-Committee (No. 10 Area of the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council)

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

The mid-year population estimated by the Registrar-General at 7,820 shows an increase of 160 compared with 1964.

Births

A total of 108 live and still-births gave a live birth-rate adjusted of 15.7 per 1,000 population.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	53	49	102
Illegitimate	-	4	4
	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>106</u>

Illegitimate live births, per cent of total live births = 3.8%

<u>Still-births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>

Deaths

Of the 98 deaths among Scalby Urban District residents 44 occurred in persons aged 75 and over.

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	10	13
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	13	16
Coronary disease, angina	10	11	21
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2	3
Other heart disease	7	6	13
Other circulatory disease	2	-	2
Pneumonia	-	2	2
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	4	9
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
All other accidents	1	1	2
Suicide	-	1	1
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>39</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>98</u>

The crude death rate of 12.5 per 1,000 population, when adjusted by applying the Comparability Factor to allow for age distribution, becomes 9.5 compared with 11.5 for England and Wales

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births	28.3
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	29.4
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rates (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	28.3
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	28.3
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still-births)	46.3
Maternal Mortality (including abortion):-	
Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	Nil

Table of Vital Statistics covering
the last 4 years

Year	Live Birth rate per 1,000 Live and Popu- lation	Still- Birth rate per 1,000 Popu- lation	Rate		Live and Popu- lation	Infant Rate per 1,000 Live and Popu- lation	Still- Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Popu- lation		
			Adjusted Births	Deaths					
1962	7360	116	15.9	108	12.9	2	17.4	1	8.6
1963	7460	108	16.3	132	13.4	4	37.7	2	18.5
1964	7660	114	16.8	123	12.2	1	8.9	2	17.5
1965	7820	108	15.7	98	9.5	3	28.3	2	18.5
England and Wales (Provisional)	1965		18.1		11.5		19.0		15.8

Infectious Diseases - Notifications

Measles	88
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Scarlet Fever	7
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	96

National Assistance Act 1948 (Section 47)

The Council was not called upon to take action under the above section which authorises an authority under section 47 to take steps to secure the transfer of persons in need of care and attention coming within the section, to hospital or other suitable institutions.

I am indebted to Mr. Horn, Public Health Inspector and Surveyor, for the following information:-

Housing

Number completed by Local Authority	1946-60	288 houses 4 shops 22 bungalows (Aged Persons) 1 Warden's house
Number completed by Private Enterprise	1946-64 1965	767 houses 91 houses
Number completed by Scarborough Corporation within the Urban District	1955-64	50 houses and flats
Number completed by North Riding Standing Joint Committee	1956-64	7 houses.

Private enterprise continues to meet the housing needs of the district. A scheme for the erection of 30 - 1 bedroom bungalows and flats for the aged complete with warden's accommodation is being prepared.

Water Supply

Scarborough Water Undertaking now supply the entire district apart from farm dwellings sited on the outskirts of the urban area. A scheme is now in progress to provide mains water to these premises.

Water samples have been taken regularly during the fiscal period. 93 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination, 6 of which were found to be unsatisfactory and upon subsequent examination were found to meet the required standard. The supply proved to be adequate to meet the needs of the district. Two samples of water were submitted for chemical analysis resulting in satisfactory reports.

The water supply serving the district is of temporary and permanent hardness and therefore not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

Number of houses connected to mains	3,044 (7,854 population)
Number of houses not connected to mains	11 (33 population)

Moveable Dwellings

Only one licensed caravan site serves the district i.e. Pickerings, High Mill Farm, and is occupied during the summer period only.

One single caravan has been re-approved under Town Planning Acts for a limited period.

A Youth Organisation was in camp at Beacon Cottage Farm for two weeks.

Twelve inspections were carried out and no contraventions were revealed.

SANITARY CONDITIONS

Refuse Collection

The urban district was served adequately in its entirety and a weekly collection maintained. Outlying farms were accommodated by a fortnightly collection, where practicable. During the holiday period shops, hotels and boarding houses enjoyed more frequent collection as and when required. Additional refuse necessitating special journeys were treated as rechargeable items.

The urban area, developing as a residential district, necessitated the augmentation of the refuse collection service with the use of a reserve vehicle and extra staff.



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I was instructed to advertise for tenders for a new refuse collection vehicle of 50 cubic yard capacity.

Refuse Tip, Burniston Road

Additional land has been allocated to extend the present tip in a westerly direction.

Salvage Collection

The collection of salvage was accommodated principally by the use of a trailer augmented by sacks at the rear of the vehicle during refuse collection.

Weights collected and disposed of were as follows:- waste paper 89 tons 12 cwts, scrap metal 2 tons 10 cwts, rags 1 ton 9 cwts, ascot boilers 9 and gas coppers 5.

Public Health Acts 1936 and 1961

80 inspections were carried out (excluding housing inspections) and 20 nuisances were discovered and abated after informal action.

Offensive Trades

There were no businesses carried on in the urban district which could be classified as 'offensive trades'.

Clean Air Act

No atmospheric pollution was evident in the urban district necessitating the declaration of any part thereof as a 'Smokeless Zone'.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

45 inspections were carried out. 2 unsatisfactory conditions were found and remedied by informal action.

Rodent Control

The district is served by two part time rodent operatives. All treatments for rodent infestation were carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food. Surveys and treatments resulted in an estimated kill of 390 rats, actual bodies recovered 311.

There was no evidence of warfarin resistance in the rodent population affecting the urban district.

Workable Area Committee The formation and continuance of this committee has proved invaluable in the furtherance of rodent control and much useful information was obtained during discussions between the representatives of adjoining local authorities. I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and appreciation to the officers of the Ministry for the most interesting and informative lectures which created healthy discussions on occasion

Sewer Manholes I am pleased to report that test baiting of the sewer manholes in the area revealed no infestation.

Food & Drugs Act 1955 Food Hygiene Regulations Meat Inspection Regulations 1963

Food & Drugs Act 1955 The shopkeepers and tradesmen within the district have continued to observe hygiene requirements.

Suitable notices were exhibited in all shops prohibiting dogs not under proper control.

Number of inspections carried out 50

Number of unsatisfactory conditions found 1 (remedied by informal action)

Sampling All samples were undertaken by the North Riding County Council.

Ice Cream 18 registered premises were operative within the urban district. Sampling was carried out by the North Riding County Council.

Meat Inspection 100% inspection was maintained during the period under review necessitating 323 visits when 1,859 animals and carcases were inspected resulting in the voluntary surrender of $3\frac{1}{4}$ cwts of meat and offal.

Slaughterhouses Three private slaughterhouses were licensed. One unsatisfactory condition was found and remedied. No contraventions of the Slaughter of Animals Act were discovered.

Milk Licences The North Riding County Council are the appropriate authority within the urban district for licensing designated milk.

Farms

Twenty farms are sited within the urban district 80% of which are milk producing.

Housing Acts 1957-64

90 houses were inspected necessitating 200 visits. The number of unfit houses capable of repair was five. These were dealt with by the assistance of Improvement Grants.

Mortuary

One mortuary is provided at the Council Depot, Moor Lane, Newby. This mortuary is utilised for sudden deaths and road accidents within the Coroner's area. No facilities are available for post mortem examinations.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The district is served by gravitational sea outfall except in isolated positions on the perimeter of the area where 45 farm houses and cottages not connected to the sewer are served by septic tank outfall.

Sections of private sewers and surface water drainage were commenced during the fiscal period serving Glafield Homes Limited at Ridge Green, Scalby; Lady Edith's Park Estate (Charles R. Coates Limited) and The Orchard off Wreyfield Drive, Newby (Oldfield & Deighton Limited).

Schemes completed during the year Private sewer serving development at North Street, Scalby (K. Mollekin) was commenced and completed during the year.

The development of the Urban District is of comparatively modern origin and all new buildings have been connected to the public sewerage system.

Closet Accommodation and Drainage

Number of houses with water carriage system	- 3,050
Number of houses without water carriage system	5
Number of conversions to water carriage system	Nil.

Sanitary Circumstances of the District in General

Sporadic surface water flooding took place at focal points in the Urban District during the months of October and November. This was occasioned by the abnormal rainfall experienced during this period.

The sewerage system serving the district proved adequate to meet the demands of the development taking place in the area.

The remaining section of Hillcrest Avenue was metalled, paved and drained under the Highways Act 1959 (1892 Code).

ANNEX

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1965 for the Urban District of Scalby in the County of York

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)	No. of Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which) Sections 1,2,3,4 and) 6 are to be enforced) by Local Authorities)	11	24	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included) in (i) in which) Section 7 is enforced) by the Local Authority)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in) which Section 7 is) enforced by the Local) Authority (excluding) out-workers' premises))	4	12	Nil	Nil
Total	15	36	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134) - NIL RETURN

